

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Scoop

Feb. 17-21, 2014		Mrs. Spielmann	West Central Elementary
<p><b><u>Character Education</u></b> The Character Education word for February is: <b><u>Tolerance.</u></b> Tolerance refers to an attitude of openness and respect for the differences that exist among people. Each week we will be giving away Subway certificates to students who exhibit <b>Tolerance</b> characteristics!</p>	<p><b><u>Math</u></b> <b>This week we will be working with even and odd numbers, and telling time on a clock. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Creative Writing</u></b> We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are Common Core aligned. The students really get excited when it is writing time. We also share our stories with the class on our "Author's Chair."</p>	
<p><b><u>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader</u></b> <b>This week we will be learning about clouds and predicting weather</b> <b><u>Vocabulary Words:</u></b> types of weather, clouds, predicting the weather</p>	<p><b><u>Just a reminder:</u></b> <b><u>Homework is:</u></b> *Study spelling *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction *Practice writing short stories *Practice fluency sheets *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night. Thank you for your continued support. Your children will benefit!</p>	<p><b><u>Spelling</u></b> The students are working on r-controlled vowels - ar, air, are sounds in words this week. We are doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.</p>	 <p><b><u>Dates to Remember:</u></b> <b>February 17 - No School</b> <b>February 28 - Trojan Buck Store &amp; Character Book Dress-Up Day</b> <b>March 3 - Math &amp; Science Night - 6:30-7:30</b></p>
			<p><b><u>Phonics &amp; Grammar</u></b> <b><u>Genre: Informational and connect prior knowledge</u></b> <b><u>Reading: (Non-Fiction) "Hanging On"</u></b> <b><u>Guided Reading Groups: Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, non-fiction, and author's purpose.</u></b> <b><u>Independent Reading and A.R. Tests</u></b> *****</p> <p><b><u>Check out this website to see if a book your child is reading at home is an AR Book.</u></b> <a href="https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp">https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp</a></p>

## Vocabulary

With our Language Arts series, the students are exposed to high frequency and robust vocabulary words. Vocabulary is critical to reading success because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: extinct, pledge, patience, tedious, blended

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: extremely, barely, admit, serious, hilarious, witty

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing—such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices.

Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to: Be kind. Be safe. Be ready to learn!

## Read Aloud Charts

“Chimpanzee” (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

“Hide & Seek” – Students will think about what is happening in the poem & the feeling they get from listening to it.

### Listening Center

Stories: “Watching in the Wild” by Charman Simon

Genre: Non-Fiction

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: extinct, pledge, patience, tedious, blended

The students will also orally discuss beginning, middle and end of the story & author’s message. They will also learn about story structure.

### February Snacks

17– No School

18– Henry

19– Sadie

20– Elizabeth

21– Sydney

Thanks for providing snacks!!



## Our class Character Book

Dress Up Day will be held on Friday, February 28 from 2:00–3:20. Each child should bring an outfit and book depicting the character they would like to be from a book they have read. What a great day of reading! Thanks!

### Quotes of the Week–

“Happiness is what you think, what you say, and what you do in harmony!” Daniel J. Boorstin

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom!” George Washington Carver

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